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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 6 March 1968

DD/I reported that Bruce Clarke has completed for standard distribution a memorandum on Soviet over-all defense spending.

Godfrey noted no basic change in the Panamanian situation, although a possible straw in the wind may be that two of Robles' key people, including the Foreign Minister, got U. S. visas yesterday.

Godfrey drew attention to the line being floated by our military in Saigon that the real Communist target is not Khe Sanh but Hue.

DD/S reported that Nationalist China's Civil Aeronautics Authority has produced a report on the CAT 727 crash in Taipei which concludes that the pilots were negligent and thus subject to a manslaughter charge.

DD/S advised that the Virginia Highway Department has completed its survey of the Trowbridge property on Chain Bridge Road.

DD/S&T indicated that the OXCART Vietnam mission scheduled for last night was scrubbed because of bad weather.

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DD/P called attention to recurrent reports that ARVN junior officers may be planning a coup in South Vietnam and noted that the Saigon Station has stated reservations about the reliability of these reports.

DDCI drew attention to a State cable reporting information on North Vietnamese attitudes on a variety of subjects from [REDACTED]

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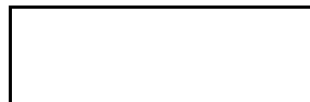
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The Director drew attention to the Juan de Onis article in today's New York Times on Che Guevara's demise.

The Director was advised by DDCI and Bross that he will have on his desk later today talking papers with reference to Eaton's visit to Headquarters tomorrow morning.

Goodwin noted that Scripps-Howard and the New York Times have queried concerning any Agency connections with the Rand Development Corporation and that they will be informed there is and has been no relationship whatsoever.



L. K. White

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